

OPTIONS FOR ASSISTING KINSHIPS (WHO HAVE LEGAL CUSTODY OR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP)				
OPTION #	PROGRAM NAME	LEGAL REQUIREMENT	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
1	SUBSIDIZED GUARDIANSHIP ¹	Legal Guardianship	1. Qualified Kinship (cousin grandparent, aunt, uncle, adult sibling) 2. Child has previously been in the custody of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFS • DYS • DMH • Licensed Private Child Caring / Placing Agency 3. Child Meet's Special Needs Requirement	Any subsidy available to adoptive parents including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance • Medicaid • Day care • Legal Expense • Other services required to care for the child
2	GAFP Grandparents As Foster Parents	Legal Custody or Legal Guardianship (Agency allows participation when we receive documentation that a petition has been filed in a Court for Legal Custody or Legal Guardianship ²)	1. Grandparent at least age 50 or Other Kinship at least age 50 2. Complete STARS "Caregiver Who Knows The Child" Training 3. Means test on Child's Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Care Maintenance • Medicaid • Day care • Respite • Clothing Allowance • Transportation • Certain other pre-approved special expenses
3	GAFP Grandparents As Foster Parents	Same as Option #2	1. Grandparent Under 50 or Grandparent over 50 who refuses Caregiver Who Knows The Child Training ³ 2. Means Test on Child's Income 3. 5 year maximum time limit applies 4. Work participation by grandparent is required	All assistance and services under Option #2 except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite Care • Clothing Allowance • Transportation

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4	Relatives	Physical Custody	Completes STARS for the caregiver who knows the child	Foster Care Maintenance Additional \$100.00 per month for Professional Parenting Training
5	Relatives	Physical Custody	Child has Medical and/or Behavioral level of care	Foster Care Maintenance Additional \$100.00 month for Parenting Training \$100.00 Incentive Payment (BFC)

¹ This option provides the most comprehensive array of services to meet the needs of the child for those families who qualify.

² Families have six months from the date of application to complete legal and training requirements. Extensions on a case-by-case basis.

³ Note that this option does not include Kinship placements.

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